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SUBJECT: FURTHER YUGOSLAV COMMENT ON DETENTE

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1. SUMMARY: LAST TWO ARTICLES OF SERIES BY "BORBA" EDITORIAL WRITER VLADO TESLIC PORTRAY US AS MOUNTING NEW GLOBAL OFFENSIVE BASED ON MILITARY POWER, BUT SOVIETS ARE ALSO CRITICIZED FOR INSISTING ON CENTRAL DIRECTION OF SOCIALIST MOVEMENT. STRONG ANTI-US TONE OF EARLIER TESLIC ARTICLES HAS NOT BEEN PICKED UP BY OTHER WRITERS. END SUMMARY.

3. TESLIC'S THIRD OF FOUR ARTICLES COVERS US, SOVIET AND YUGOSLAV FOREIGN POLICY. HE SEES US BEGINNING NEW OFFENSIVE IN WORLD AFFAIRS BASED ON MILITARY POWER, AFTER TEMPORARY DISCOURAGEMENT OVER RECESSION AND DEFEAT IN
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3. HE CRITICIZES SOVIET THEORETICIANS FOR INCREASING INSISTENCE THAT "THE SOCIALIST COMMUNITY OF STATES LED BY THE USSR" IS THE BASIC MOTIVE FORCE BEHIND ALL POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE WORLD, TERMING THIS VIEW "A SERIOUS CHALLENGE BOTH TO WORLD PEACE AND TO DETENTE, INCREASINGLY SO SINCE IT BRINGS GRIST TO THE MILL OF IMPERIALIST FORCES".

4. TESLIS DEFENDS THE YUGOSLAV POLICY OF NON-ALIGNMENT AGAINST THE SOVIET VIEW. HE DESCRIBES NON-ALIGNMENT AS "THE EXPRESSION OF SOCIALIST COMMITMENTS AND A CLASS APPROACH TO INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS". HE SAYS THAT NON-ALIGNMENT HAS ALWAYS BEEN AN "ANTI-IMPERIALIST COMMITMENT" AND POINTS WITH SATISFACTION TO THE SOCIALIST ORGANIZATION ADOPTED BY MANY OF THE NEWLY FORMED NATIONS.

5. IN HIS CONCLUDING ARTICLE, TESLIC REVIEWS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AS A WHOLE. HE SEES THE BASIC TREND AS THE CREATION OF A NEW SYSTEM OF EQUAL RELATIONS AMONG STATES AND FINDS THE PRINCIPAL RESISTANCE TO THIS TREND IN THE PERSISTENCE OF COMPETITION BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS--" THE POLICY OF SPHERES OF INTEREST AND VARIOUS CONCEPTS OF LEADERSHIP AND RIGHTS OF INTERVENTION IN THE NAME OF THIS OR THAT SYSTEM".

6. COMMENT: STRONG ANTI-US TONE OF EARLIER TESLIC ARTICLES HAS NOT DEVELOPED INTO A CAMPAIGN. AN ARTICLE ON "DETENTE AND ARMS" IN THE JANUARY 26 ISSUE OF THE MAGAZINE EKONOMSKA POLITIKA WAS BALANCED IN ITS TREATMENT OF THE US AND USSR, CONCLUDING THAT DETENTE IS STILL IN ITS INFANCY, WITH ONLY SUPERFICIAL PROBLEMS OF DISARMAMENT SOLVED.
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